

THINGS OF INTEREST FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Pleasant View

L. A. Williams has just finished a garage.

Mrs. DeLozier was a pleasant caller at school Tuesday.

What a still week! Not enough wind to furnish pumping power.

Mrs. Manning and family were guests in the Harper home Sunday.

Messrs. Leonard and Jackson had business in Estancia Monday.

Messrs. Orme and Dyer had business in the DeLozier home Tuesday.

Tuesday M. G. Waggoner marketed 20 pounds of butter at Mountainair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson came in from Scholle to visit their parents for a few days.

Mrs. Walpole reports school as progressing nicely. The attendance is good.

Mrs. Rothwell, who left here in August for Childress, Texas, is expected back.

Mr. Osborn has finished his new house and it will soon be ready for occupancy.

W. N. Walpole and son, Oscar, are doing carpenter work for Mr. Condon near town.

Lester Williams assisted in erecting a windmill at Mrs. Minnie Williams' home last week.

Singing was held at Mr. and Mrs. Bruner's last Sunday night. Good practice was had.

Mr. Teague and family, and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Teague's mother, visited with relatives, the M. G. Waggoner's.

Miss Goldie Bruner will entertain at her home with candy Saturday night. She is going to see who can match streaky-strikey candy.

Mr. Pippin's family left Wednesday for Liberal, Okla., where they go to make their home. Mr. Hawkins occupies the home they have just vacated.

Punta

The K. Tabet Bros. have had the biggest trade this week.

We had a big wedding Saturday and a fine baile in the night.

Testa Recipes

(In this column each week will be found a number of Testa Recipes. By clipping these and pasting in a note book, a complete book of tried recipes may be gathered. We will be glad to print any favorite recipes of our readers.—Ed.)

Good Old Pumpkin Time

There are as many kinds of pumpkin pies as there are tastes for them. Some like the pies stiff with pumpkin, others so little that it is a custard flavored with pumpkin, but first get your pumpkin. The sweet pie pumpkins are so common now that the field variety has almost disappeared in the markets. The small ones cook quicker and have a better flavor. For all dishes where pumpkin is used the first process is the same. Cook it until it is dry and brown, this develops the flavor. Some cut it in pieces and after removing the seeds and fiber bake it until it is soft and can be scooped out of the shell. Whether boiled, steamed or baked it should be thoroughly done, finely mashed and sifted through a sieve. For the ordinary taste one cupful of pumpkin is used to a pint of milk, two eggs, a teaspoon of ginger, a few drops of lemon extract, a teaspoonful of salt, and sugar to make of the desired sweetness.

Pumpkin Muffins

Sift together two cupfuls of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, beat two eggs and add them to two-thirds of a cupful of milk and a cupful of sifted pumpkin; mix well and add a fourth of a cupful of melted butter; turn into hot greased muffin pans and bake 20 minutes in a hot oven. —Selected.

Various Ways of Serving Pumpkin

Creole cooks serve pumpkin cooked as one does squash, baking it in the shell and serving it with butter. Pumpkin served seasoned with butter, salt and pepper after it is well mashed makes a most agreeable vegetable.

A most delicious way of serving pumpkin and one which is enjoyed by all pumpkin pie lovers is to fill tinfoil cases with the pie mixture and bake. You get all of the filling with little crust and that crust easier to digest than pastry. The custard may be cooked and just added to the cases when serving.

Pumpkin pie covered with whipped cream and sprinkled generously with a savory rich grated cheese is a dish liked by all.

Pumpkin may be dried or canned and so ready to use at any time during the year. —Selected.

Saving Eggs

In making pumpkin custards and pies, especially when the eggs are scarce as they are now, in the place of eggs, try crackers or even hard bread. Crush fine or run through the meat chopper. If the filling is stiffer with pumpkin use less crackers than if not so much pumpkin is used. This makes the pumpkin pie lighter than if eggs are used. An ordinary pumpkin custard needs about three crackers to the pie. Mrs. P.A.S.

Cedar Grove

Mr. Conner left for Vaughn Saturday, where he will resume his work on a well.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have taken up their residence on the Hall place which they purchased some time ago.

Little Ralph Conner was seriously ill, one day last week, as a result of drinking a small quantity of gasoline which had been left in a bottle. The Doctor was called and revived him after some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and son spent Sunday with Mr. Sellers and family.

Mrs. Green and small son, from the Pecos valley, are here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, awaiting the arrival of Mr. Green who will bring a car. They will reside on their place near Mr. Perkins.

Sunday Services

Rev. W. C. Grant of Estancia will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning, November 26th, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Smiles

"Cassies makes mountains out of molehills."

"Yes. He is the writer of advertising circulars for a picturesque summer resort."

"Mrs. Gadder must enjoy music."

"I'm convinced of that."

"Yes?"

"Her conversational pauses at the opera are sometimes five minutes long."

"It is what men think," remarked the knowing woman, "that causes fully one-third of the trouble in this world."

"I guess that's right," rejoined the mere man, "and what women say causes the other two-thirds."

"A neighbor of mine threw a book out of his window and it has been lying in the gutter ever since."

"Maybe he doesn't love books."

"Oh, you can't judge of that by his treatment of this particular novel. It's entitled, 'A Pair of Blue Eyes,' is advertised as 'daring' and was written by a woman who left her husband because her soul was 'starved.'"

"How," asked the young husband who had been up against the matrimonial game for nearly two weeks, "can I tell when the honeymoon is over?"

"It will have slumped the slumps," answered the man who had been married three times, "when your wife stops telling you things and begins to ask questions."

"The congregation paid up every cent of my back salary this morning," announced the village parson.

"How in the world did they happen to do that?" queried his wife.

"I announced from the pulpit," explained the good man, "that unless I got it I'd not be able to take the three months' vacation they had planned for me."

"Why are you weeping, my poor fellow?"

"De tune dat organ grinder's playin' carries me back ter me boyhood days," answered the sobbing tramp.

"Why, it's only a ragtime piece, fearfully out-of-date."

"Yes, sir. Dat's why it carries me back. It's de same tune organ grinders played when I wuz a boy—a little innocent boy."

A school-teacher received the following note:

"Dear Madam—Please excuse my Tommy today. He won't come to skule, because he is acting as timekeeper for his father, and it is your fault. U gave him a ixample if a field is 6 miles around how long will it take a man walking 3 1/2 miles an hour to walk 2 1/2 times around it. Tommy aint a man so we had to send his father. They went early this morning & father will walk round the field and Tommy will time him, but please don't give my boy such ixamples again, because my husband must go to work evero day to support his family." —Harper's Magazine

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On Saturday, December 23d, 1916, at 6 o'clock the Ballot Box will be opened, and the final count made by disinterested parties, and the prizes will be awarded by these judges.

Candidates not receiving prizes will be paid a commission on the number of subscriptions they have reported to the Independent office.

Schedule of Votes:

6 Months' Subscription,	\$1.00	200 Votes
1 Year's	" \$2.00	500 "
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3 "	" \$6.00	2000 "
5 "	" \$10.00	4000 "

Arrangements will be made to place the Ballot Box in one of the business houses of Mountainair, and our office force will know no more how the candidates are running than others.

Get in the Game early. See your friends and get their Subscriptions before some other candidate beats you to it. Hustling will win the prizes.

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